

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 304

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Raiha Abbas, 2017
Valedictorian of William Blount High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Raiha Abbas is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2017 graduating class at William Blount High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Abbas achieved outstanding academic success and joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, she earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in a variety of extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, highly esteemed as a leader among her peers, Raiha Abbas served as Student Council President, BETA Club President, and a four-year delegate to the Model United Nations; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Ms. Abbas was a Citizen and Party Delegate to Volunteer Girls' State; an AP Scholar with Distinction, she received first-place honors at the Roane State Academic Festival for her chemistry essay, philosophical essay, and free verse poetry; and

WHEREAS, Raiha Abbas's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Raiha Abbas's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of the members of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2017 William Blount High School Valedictorian, Raiha Abbas, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.